



# Adopt-A-Cemetery

There are over 45 cemeteries in Prince William Forest Park containing 541 known burials. From the late 18th century to the present day, Prince William Forest Park lands have been the final resting place for many. As farms turned to forest, many of these cemeteries have fallen into disrepair. Help us work with descendants and park staff to clean and maintain these treasured areas.

## What does it mean to 'adopt' a cemetery?

If you 'adopt-a-cemetery' at Prince William Forest Park, you agree to:

- visit the cemetery monthly,
- record any damage, vandalism, looting, relic hunting, or change in condition,
- conduct basic maintenance (leaf removal, raking, small brush removal, basic cleaning),
- and if you so choose, aid the park in re-searching genealogy/ownership records and attempting to contact descendants.

If you are interested, please visit [www.nps.gov/prwi](http://www.nps.gov/prwi) or call the visitor center at 703-221-7181.